

ago The Rev^d M^r Allen applied to Me for a Lycence or Authority to officiate there either by Himself or Curate hoping that he should by that means be able to secure to Himself the Income of that Parish without relinquishing this, of which he will continue Rector until some other is inducted, sensible of your Ldps great Regard for M^r Allen I readily granted his Request but at the same time I am not without Apprehensions that the Vestry & Parishioners of one parish or the other will when the time for settling Accounts comes oppose his Receipt of the Thirty p^r poll & make him have Recourse to Law in order to try for it, Should that be the Case I shall not be surprized if some of the Busy Men in the Lower House of Assembly who eagerly watch for pretences to clamour take it up as a publick Matter & complain of it as a Grievance, My Fears may perhaps be groundless & will I hope prove so but I thought it my Duty to communicate them to your Ldp as I have already to M^r Allen who flatters himself that no Stir will be made about the Affair & intimated to Me that if the Assembly should concern themselves he supposed my telling them that what had been done had been done by your Ldp's Instruction would be a sufficient Answer to them, but in that I could not agree with him, nor would I without your Lordships express Orders give any such Reason for my Proceedings. As Tobacco is likely to sell high the Thirty p^r poll in S^t James's Parish together with the Annual Value of two Glebes & a parsonage House that belong to it will fall very little if at all short of £300 stg & if it should I would myself readily make it up that Sum till a better living becomes vacant rather than he should give any Opening for Complaint or Uneasiness in either Parish, if your Ldp on considering what I have taken the liberty to write should think M^r Allen had better relinquish his pretensions to One of the Parishes in case the Vestries do not readily come into his proposal, the least Hint from your Ldp will I am satisfied have its due Weight, but really I am somewhat afraid lest such Advice from Me should be construed as an Unwillingness to serve him to the full Extent of your Ldps Instructions, tho I declare I have already gone & shall always be ready to go greater Lengths to serve him than I would do for any other Person whatever not having the honour to stand so high in your Ldps favour. By a Letter I have lately received from Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon I find they had extended the Line to the Westward of the Monongahela & expect to finish it this year tho it will probably be very late first, their Steward is to come to me the ninth of next Month when M^r Dulany M^r Jordan & I are to attend the Sale of Conegocheague Mannour in Frederick County & perhaps I may before I return see the Surveyors